

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A diaper with legs, comprising:

a sheet of material having a central portion defining an interior surface and an exterior surface, a front waist panel, a rear waist panel and a crotch region connecting the waist panels, the waist panels defining a waist opening, the crotch region defining a pair of thigh openings;

two legs attached to the thigh openings of the central portion, each said leg comprises a rectangular panel having a front edge, a rear edge, an inner edge joined to the central portion, and a bottom end adapted to form leg openings;

elastic material disposed between the legs and at least a portion of the thigh openings;

a front waist arch integral with and extending from the front waist panel and having an upper edge; and

a rear waist arch integral with and extending from the rear waist panel and having an upper edge;

whereby, the arches extend the waist opening upward on a user's torso and the legs extend the diaper downward on the user's legs to provide protection from waste matter that may leak up the user's waist or down the user's legs.

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Claim 2. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, further comprising elastic material incorporated into the upper edge of the front waist arch.

Claim 3. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, further comprising elastic material incorporated into the upper edge of the rear waist arch.

Claim 4. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, further comprising at least one pair of fasteners disposed on the rear waist panel for fixing said rear waist panel to the front waist panel.

Claim 5. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, wherein the elastic material extends for a central one-third portion of the legs and thigh openings.

Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, ~~wherein each of said legs comprise a rectangular panel having a front edge, a rear edge, and inner edge joined to the central portion, and a bottom end adapted to form leg openings, the diaper~~ further comprising at least one pair of fasteners disposed on the rear edge of the panel for fastening the rear edge to the front edge to define the legs.

Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, further comprising absorbent material disposed between the interior surface of said central portion and each said leg and the exterior surface of said central portion and each said leg.

Claim 8. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 7, wherein said absorbent material further comprises an absorbent core longitudinally arranged in the central portion.

Claim 9. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 7, wherein said absorbent material comprises two layers of absorbent material.

Claim 10. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, further comprising releasable fasteners securing said front waist panel and said rear waist panel in order to define the waist opening and securing each said leg together.

Claim 11. (*Original*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, wherein said front waist panel is permanently secured to said rear waist panel in order to form a pull-on diaper.

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Claim 12. (*Currently Amended*) The diaper with legs according to claim 1, ~~wherein each of said legs defines a leg opening, the diaper further comprising an elastic gather disposed around each of the leg openings.~~

Claims 13-16. (*Cancelled*)

Claim 17. (*New*). The diaper with legs according to claim 1, wherein the elastic material is disposed about the entire inner edge of each said leg.